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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMISSION

1. IN A LONG, UNCLASSIFIED TELEGRAM THAT WE ARE SENDING YOU TODAY, WE REPORT IN DETAIL ON THE RECENT VISIT OF THE H.E.W. HEALTH TEAM TO INDIA. AS YOU WILL SEE, DR. EHRLICH AND COMPANY MANAGED TO WORK OUT SOME PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW MECHANISMS TO COORDINATE BILATERAL RESEARCH EFFORTS.

2. MY VIEW IS THAT THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF THING THAT MIGHT BE FACILITATED BY AN INDO-AMERICAN JOINT COMMISSION, WHEN AND IF ONE IS CREATED. SUCH A STRUCTURE WOULD SATISFY THE INDIAN LUST FOR "OFFICIAL CHANNELS" AND, SO FAR AS WE CAN TELL, IT WOULD DO US NO HARM.

3. YESTERDAY'S NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CONVERSATION WITH SWARAN SINGH INDICATED THE SECRETARY'S DETERMINATION THAT HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO NEW DELHI WILL RESULT IN STRENGTHENED MECHANISMS FOR INDO-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN A NUMBER OF AREAS. IF THIS IS

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TO MEAN A JOINT COMMISSION, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE

TIME IS AT HAND FOR SOME CAREFUL AND INTENSIVE THOUGHT ON THE NATURE, STRUCTURE AND PURPOSES OF SUCH A COMMISSION.

4. SIX WEEKS AGO I SENT IN OUR INITIAL THOUGHTS ON THE SHAPE OF A JOINT COMMISSION AND THREE SUB-COMMISSIONS IN THE AREAS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION AND CULTURE, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. SO FAR AS I KNOW, THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT. IF YOU AGREE THAT WE REALLY OUGHT TO GET OURSELVES ORGANIZED ON THIS SUBJECT, I WOULD WELCOME GUIDANCE AND IDEAS. WE ARE PREPARED TO OFFER MUCH MORE DETAILED PLANS FROM THIS END AS SOON AS YOU INDICATE THAT YOU ARE READY FOR THEM. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS NOT TO BE A JOINT COMMISSION, I WISH SOMEONE WOULD SAY SO. WE CAN THEN ENCOURAGE A MYRIAD OF SMALLER, LESS FORMAL STRUCTURES TO CARRY ON THE ESSENTIAL WORK THAT HAS ALREADY BEGUN IN EACH OF THE THREE SUBJECT AREAS. I DO NOT THINK THAT NUMEROUS, SMALL, UNCOORDINATED MECHANISMS WILL GRAB THE FANCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NOR WILL THEY OFFER THE SECRETARY THE OPPORTUNITY TO INAUGURATE A JOINT COMMISSION WHEN HE COMES TO INDIA, BUT THEY WOULD ENABLE IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE. IN EITHER CASE, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS, IDEAS AND GUIDANCE. MOYNIHAN

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